

House Study Bill 731

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to reimbursement of providers of child welfare
2 services.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 234.4 CHILD WELFARE SERVICES
1 2 PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT.
1 3 1. For the purposes of this section, "child welfare
1 4 services" means any of the following services to children and
1 5 their families that are funded by the state in whole or in
1 6 part from a source other than the medical assistance program
1 7 under chapter 249A:
1 8 a. Family-centered services, family preservation, family
1 9 foster care, group foster care, and related services intended
1 10 to meet the safety and permanency needs of children.
1 11 b. Supportive services to children in family or group
1 12 foster care.
1 13 c. Services receiving funding under Part B of Title IV of
1 14 the federal Social Security Act.
1 15 d. Community care services.
1 16 e. Treatment or supportive services provided to children
1 17 living in supervised apartment living services.
1 18 f. Psychiatric medical institution for children services.
1 19 g. Shelter care services.
1 20 h. Remedial services.
1 21 i. Home and community-based waiver == children's mental
1 22 health waiver services.
1 23 j. Court-ordered services provided pursuant to section
1 24 232.141, subsection 4.
1 25 k. Services for recruiting and retaining foster and
1 26 adoptive parents.
1 27 l. Other services outlined in an open child welfare
1 28 services plan developed by the department.
1 29 2. The reimbursement rates paid by the department of human
1 30 services to a provider of child welfare services as of June 30
1 31 of a fiscal year shall be increased on July 1 of the
1 32 succeeding fiscal year by a percentage amount equal to the
1 33 state percent of growth authorized in accordance with section
1 34 257.8, subsection 1, for the budget year with the same dates
1 35 as the succeeding fiscal year. If a child welfare service is
2 1 funded in part by the medical assistance program, the
2 2 reimbursement rate increase provided under this section shall
2 3 apply to the combined amount.
2 4 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 249A.17 CHILD WELFARE SERVICES
2 5 PROVIDERS.
2 6 1. For the purposes of this section, "child welfare
2 7 services" means any of the following services to children and
2 8 their families that are funded in whole or in part under this
2 9 chapter:
2 10 a. Rehabilitative treatment services designed to address
2 11 the treatment needs of children and their families in the
2 12 following four programs: family-centered services, family
2 13 preservation, family foster care, and group foster care.
2 14 b. Supportive services to children in family or group
2 15 foster care.
2 16 c. Services receiving funding under Part B of Title IV of
2 17 the federal Social Security Act.
2 18 d. Community care services.

2 19 e. Treatment or supportive services provided to children
2 20 living in supervised apartment living services.
2 21 f. Psychiatric medical institution for children.
2 22 g. Shelter care services.
2 23 h. Remedial services.
2 24 i. Home and community-based waiver == children's mental
2 25 health waiver services.
2 26 j. Court-ordered services provided pursuant to section
2 27 232.141, subsection 4.
2 28 k. Services for recruiting and retaining foster and
2 29 adoptive parents.
2 30 l. Other services outlined in an open child welfare
2 31 services plan developed by the department.
2 32 2. The reimbursement rates for a provider of child welfare
2 33 services as of June 30 of a fiscal year shall be increased on
2 34 July 1 of the succeeding fiscal year by a percentage amount
2 35 equal to the state percent of growth authorized in accordance
3 1 with section 257.8, subsection 1, for the budget year with the
3 2 same dates as the succeeding fiscal year. If a child welfare
3 3 service is funded in part by a source other than the
3 4 appropriations made for the medical assistance program, the
3 5 reimbursement rate increase provided under this section shall
3 6 apply to the combined amount.

3 7 EXPLANATION

3 8 This bill provides for an annual percentage increase in the
3 9 reimbursement rate of providers of child welfare services
3 10 funded in whole or part by the state or through the medical
3 11 assistance (Medicaid) program. The increase is equal to the
3 12 state percent of growth for schools for the school budget year
3 13 with the same dates as the fiscal year of increase. The bill
3 14 provides for the increase for non-Medicaid services in new
3 15 Code section 234.4 and for Medicaid services in new Code
3 16 section 249A.17. If a child welfare service is funded from
3 17 more than one source, the reimbursement increase applies to
3 18 the combined amount.

3 19 The term "child welfare services" is defined with similar
3 20 lists of specific services in each new Code section plus
3 21 services outlined in an open child welfare services plan
3 22 developed by the department of human services.

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